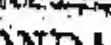


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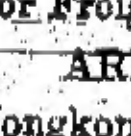
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THE Company's S.S. *Ospack*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are heroby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND

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No Claims will be admitted after the
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No Fire Insurance has been effected, and
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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
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(In English and Chinese.)
 WASHBURN'S BOOKS, for the use
 of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now
 be had at this Office. Price, \$1 each.
 CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

After a pretty long period of rest, the pirates who pursue their unlawful calling along the coast have burst into activity. The other day we reported the pirating of a junk off Cape d'Agulhas, and now we hear that two passenger-boats, which were taking a number of the passengers of the Jubilee demonstration and their rich robes back to the neighbouring mainland, were boarded by a piratical junk, one of the holocausts killed and all the passengers stripped of their clothes and valuables. Such incidents will, we fear, be multiplied unless more energetic measures are taken to hunt down the piratical junks. The only way of sweeping them from the shores of the Colony and preventing the injury which they do to our trade is to keep a sharp look out for these filibusters along the whole coast line of the island. It will be remembered that last year from November on to the Chinese New Year scarcely a week elapsed without a case of piracy being reported. We trust that the same thing will not happen again; but we fear that unless the police use the means at their disposal more effectively, we will see a repetition of last year's history. The police have got a splendid launch at their disposal, the *Charles May*, for patrolling the coast, but unless she be engaged on a Sunday for a picnic, she is seldom seen away from Tsing Tsing. It is not right that a good launch of this sort should be idle, when there is plenty of work for her to do.

The Parisians have evidently determined that M. Grévy must go. He has failed to get his house in order and allowed the greatest abuses to creep in. There is no one but will feel some sympathy for the aged President. He has succeeded in retaining his position longer than any of his predecessors, having been twice chosen almost unanimously for the high office of Chief Magistrate of the Republic; and until the recent scandals were brought to light, all parties, except the Irreconcilables, would have received his resignation with deep regret, if not with fear. M. Grévy, however, must have for some time back held the reins of Government very loosely, and his son-in-law, M. Wilson, a man whom few ever cared to trust, has taken advantage of that looseness to engage in a scandalous system of fraud. The result of his conduct will likely be to force his father-in-law to descend from the Presidential chair, with a cloud over his head—a rather sad ending to the career of one who, throughout a long and successful political life, has always been regarded as among the most straightforward and disinterested of French politicians. The President of the Republic is elected for seven years. M. Grévy was re-elected in December 1885—only two years ago—so that there are still five years of his term of office to run. Government in France is not very stable at the best; but if a crisis is brought about just now by the resignation of the President, the peace of Europe might be endangered. General Boulanger is still a power in the land, if not a greater power than ever; and there is a pretty strong opinion in France that these scandals, which were proved, it is said, for the purpose of overthrowing him, may prove the means of paving his way to the Presidential chair.

H.M.S. *Rattler*, from Labuan, arrived at Manila on the 19th inst.

It is said that the Japanese Government has declined to send exhibits to the Universal Scientific and Industrial Fair which is to be held in Belgium next year, on the ground that they would not be able to make preparations in time. *Japan Gazette*.

The *Choya Shinbun* states that Mr. John Alexander, a Scotchman, who is now in England, is reported to have presented a memorial to the Japanese Government recommending emigration from Japan to British Columbia, and advising the Government to establish a consulate there.

The *Hu Pao* says:—The bed of the old southern course of the Yellow River being too high, the current cannot possibly be taken into it, even if the present breach be successfully stopped; and therefore it has been determined to conduct the river north through Shantung. The authorities of Chihli and Shantung have accordingly been instructed to excavate with all speed, in readiness for next year's spring freshets.

The *N. O. Daily News* of 21st inst. says:—The *Albatross*, *Adriatic*, and *Wanderer*, with Admiral Hamilton, are expected at Wonsung tomorrow, and the fleet goes down today or tomorrow to take them there. The *Wanderer* will probably come up to Shanghai for a day, after which the *Adriatic* will proceed to Nagasaki to dock, the *Swift* and *Wanderer* will make the best of their way to Hongkong, and the *Albatross* will take Admiral Hamilton southward, calling at the coast ports en route.

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The *Japan Gazette* says:—A report has been circulated in town to-day that the S. S. *Batavia* has been lost near Hongkong, with loss of life. We have been unable to substantiate the report, but have reason to believe that there is some foundation for the rumour. We need not add that there could have been no foundation whatever for the rumour, but the inventive genius of some highly imaginative residents of Yokohama.

Here is a sample of a Tokin tradesman's business announcement in English as he is written by some of the ambitious youth of the Capital. It is a sample of our readers' taste, and is not meant for commiseration.

I stand of thinking, this ticket only P. 10.00 is to be paid to the public, and every one who will brought this ticket, to my shop, will be cleared their debt or which, especially with the half of the price.

The *Jiji Shimpō* hears from Corea that some days ago a British man-of-war entered the port of Fusan and surveyed the coast near the Japanese Residency, where about 4,000 *batas* have been granted by permission of the government to the Japanese for commercial purposes, and that this was shortly after followed by the arrival of a Russian man-of-war on a similar errand. It is stated that the coast surveyed by the British and Russian men-of-war is a most important position commercially and politically.

It is probable that the extraordinary quality of the China crop last season, combined with the unusually low price, have led to a glut of the market, and that the price of opium in the interior of the country has fallen to a level not seen since 1860. Through the trade took nearly 10 millions of pounds per month during the period from 1st June to 30th September, 1886, the deliveries of China opium after that date were only at the rate of 8½ millions to end of the season. This year the rate of delivery has continued at 10 millions from 1st June to 31st December, we have started with only 8 millions per month, while the rate in 1886 China tea as so marked that they are very dear in comparison with Indian and Ceylon, and the monthly quantity delivered to end of December is only 1½ millions, an increase much. In India and Ceylon tea taken together, the rate of delivery in the same period has been 7 million pounds per month against 5½ of last year. This increase is not likely to diminish while Assam Souchong is quoted as low as 5½ p. lb. *N. O. Daily News*.

While the extended cultivation of the poppy in China is at length creating serious inconvenience to the Indian opium trade, it does not appear so far to have prejudicially affected the opium market in Persia. Recent Consular reports state that the cultivation of the poppy in Persia is at a low ebb, and that the quantity of opium delivered to the market is given to the preparation of the drug that was formerly the case, and that its quality has consequently improved and the demand increased. The yearly crop of opium in Persia is estimated at 300,000 *man*, and the value of the opium at 32 p. lb. The cultivation and preparation of the drug are said to give employment to a very large part of the population of the district. The annual exportation of Persian opium is stated to amount to 2,300 cases, which are valued at 170,000. About half of the export is sent to London, the other half to Hongkong. There must be some special quality in the Persian drug to attract the English market, for we believe a very small quantity of Indian opium is sent to England. *Indian Agriculture*.

The *Future of China Tea*—The *Whitehall Review* says:—A war between the supporters of China and Indian and Ceylon teas is beginning. Owing chiefly to its comparative lowness in price and purity, the Chinese tea has been steadily losing its position in the London market. The tea-gardens of India and Ceylon are, however, not extensive enough to supply the world with tea, and in our opinion, China tea has only to be more carefully placed and sold to insure its retaining its hold on English tastes. There is no doubt that the tea of India and Ceylon is just as there is about the tea grown in Japan—which does not make a palatable drink, though a mixture of Indian and China teas makes a capital beverage. The price of China tea in the retail shops in this country has certainly been lowered of late years, but the quality, which has been noticed, it will take years—if, indeed, it ever comes to pass—until Indian and Ceylon teas, by themselves, gain a supremacy. The Chinese will have to reduce the export taxes on tea sooner or later, and the sooner the better for their own sake. With the tea duties abolished or lessened, and prices ruling more fairly at this end, the good old days of China tea may be revived.

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Centaur	Ger.	bqe.
Christian	Ger.	sch.
D. Barrow	Ger.	sch.
Mohawk	Brit.	bqe.
Oscar Mooyar	Ger.	bqe.
Sibiren	Ger.	bqe.
Solidor	Brit.	bqe.

FOOCHOV.

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MERCHANT STRAMENS.	
Fuyew	Chinese

Waiting Chinese

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Emilie Norw. sch.
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Benlawers British.

Deucalion	British	
Hampshire	British	
Kiang-tean	Chinese	Hankow, &c.
Kiang-yung	Chinese	
Kung-wo	British	
Kung-chi	Chinese	
Leeyuen	Chinese	

Malwa	British	
Natal	French	
Preussen	German	
Storo Nordiske	Danish	
Tokio Maru	Japanese	Kobe
W. C. de Vries	British	Hankow, &c

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Macis Berg	Ger.	bqa.
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TIENTSIN.

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Perle	Brit.	bqa.
W. W. Siegfried	Brit.	bqa.

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HIOSO.

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Claro Babuyan Brit. bqe.

John Charter Amer. sh.

W. G. Davis Amer. sh.

YOKOHAMA.	
In port on November 11, 1887.	
Don Enrique	Brit. bge.
Fearless	Ger. cut.
Honauwar	Brit. sh.
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N. Reid	Amer. sch.
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MANILA.	
In port on November 15, 1887.	
Austriana	Brit. sh.
Benj. T. Hunt	Amer. bge.
Defensor	Norw. bg.
Drumeltan	Brit. sh.
Formosa	Brit. sh.
F. B. Tayler	Brit. sh.
F. Abbey	Amer. bge.
Herat	Brit. sh.
Jabez Howes	Amer. sh.
Mary L. Stone	Amer. sh.

Nagapore	Brit.	sh.
Nomad	Amer.	bqa.
Stratonia	Brit.	bqa.

BANGKOK.

In port on November 2, 1887.

Tuffenbury	Swed.	bqa.
Elida	Norw.	bqa.
Fortuna	Siam.	bg.
F. Bismarck	Ger.	bg.

Thauria	Dut.	sch.
Kim Chye Seng Siam	bqe.	
Anda	Ital.	bqe.
Long Hin	Siam.	bg.
Noddleburu	Brit.	bqs.

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